

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraphs as follows:

[0029] Note that the piston/retainer/pushrod assembly can be positioned in the cylinder bore either by forming the cylinder with an open rear end for rear end insertion of the piston/retainer/pushrod assembly and thereafter forming annulus 12c in a peening operation, or by forming the cylinder as a two-part structure and positioning the piston/retainer/pushrod assembly in the rear piston structure before coupling the rear piston structure to the front piston structure. Note further that the notches 16h effectively coact to define an annular groove structure on the exterior of the retainer assembly for alignment and coaction with groove 14h to capture the "C" ring and fixedly secure the retainer in the concavity 14d to preclude displacement of the retainer from the concavity.